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SUBJ: AFGHANS ACCEPT NARCOTIC PROHIBITION IN USAID PROJECT

1. AS AN INDICATION OF THE AFGHAN GOVT'S CURRENT WILLINGNESS TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS THE USG HAS BEEN PLACING ON OPIUM CONTROL, USAID RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MIR MOHAMMAD SIDDIQUE, PRESIDENT OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTRY, WHICH ACCEDED TO AMERICAN ANTI-NARCOTIC CONDITIONS FOR AN AID PROJECT. WITH REFERENCE TO AN IRRIGATION PROJECT IN THE JUI DAUG AREA OF NANGARHAR PROVINCE BEING CONSIDERED BY USAID, SIDDIQUE'S LETTER STATED, INTER ALIA: "...THE PREVENTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION AND THE BANNING OF THE USE OF NARCOTICS ARE AMONG THE OBJECTIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN; THEREFORE, POPPY CULTIVATION WILL BE STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN THE AREA."

2. THE AREA IN QUESTION IS IN AN IMPORTANT OPIUM-PRODUCING TRIBAL REGION -- WHERE ENFORCEMENT OF AN ANTI-POPPY BAN PRESENTS DIFFICULT POLITICAL AND SECURITY PROBLEMS FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE EMBASSY REGARDS AS ENCOURAGING THE AFGHANS' WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE.
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